



PRAY • FOUNDATION • MT 7:24-25 • JANUARY • INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCH

## Review:

I follow Jesus with others who follow Jesus, and Jesus builds his church.  
I build my life on a Jesus-centered understanding of God's Word.  
I will put in the work of humility, purity, service, and wisdom.  
Those who embrace the sacrifice of Jesus form his victorious church.

TRANSITION: SO WHAT IS OUR JOB? • MATTHEW 16:15-20

# OUR MISSION • MATTHEW 16:15-20

## The Keys of the Kingdom

PETER / PEARLY GATES? / POPE? • WORDS NOT THE PERSON, MOUTHPIECE

Jesus gives his church the power to determine

### WHO GETS INTO HEAVEN.

THAT SOUNDS WRONG, DOESN'T GOD CHOOSE? • HOW DOES GOD GET HIS GRACE TO A PERSON? • MT 5:14-16  
IF WE CHOOSE TO LEAVE THEM IN DARKNESS... • IF WE CHOOSE TO RADIATE THE LIGHT...

## Binding and Loosing

... WHATEVER YOU BIND ... • MISUNDERSTOOD • MT 18:18-20

SPIRITUAL WARFARE? • CARTE BLANCHE? • IN-PERSON GATHERINGS? • GOD DOESN'T ALWAYS HEAL  
MATTHEW 18:21, 12-14, 15-17

We, the followers of Jesus, have the power and responsibility of

### FORGIVENESS and RESTORATION.

REPEATED, LOVING, UNIFIED ATTEMPTS AT RECONCILIATION... BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE  
BIND AND LOOSE MEAN HOLD ONTO OR FORGIVE • WHATEVER YOU BIND, WHATEVER YOU LOOSE

The mission of the church is to OPEN the doors of

HEAVEN by bringing FORGIVENESS to people.

# Take it Home

THIS SOUNDS TOO MUCH / IS GOD WAITING FOR US TO FORGIVE?

GP: I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT SIN AND LEAVE FORGIVENESS TO GOD • WHAT IF JESUS IS TELLING THE TRUTH?  
ILL: SPIDER MAN — "IF WE WORKED TOGETHER, COULD WE BRING HEALING TO THE VILLAIN" / NOT DEATH

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